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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**  
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9 BRUCE BIRCH, )  
10 Plaintiff, ) 3:08-cv-00402-LRH-VPC  
11 vs. )  
12 REID THOMAS, *et al.*, ) **ORDER**  
13 Defendants. )  
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15 Plaintiff, an inmate at Washoe County Detention Facility, is proceeding *pro se* in this civil  
16 rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1983. On February 24, 2009, the court entered an order  
17 granting plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (Docket #9.) In addition, the court  
18 dismissed this action without leave to amend for failure to state a cognizable claim. (*Id.*) The court  
19 specifically held that the filing fee remained due despite the dismissal of the action. (*Id.*) Pending  
20 before the court is plaintiff's motion for reconsideration filed March 30, 2009. (Docket #13.)

21 The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are applicable to habeas corpus proceedings. FRCP  
22 81(a)(2). FRCP 60(b) governs the reconsideration of final orders. That rule permits the Court to  
23 relieve a party from a final order or judgment on grounds of: (1) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or  
24 excusable neglect; (2) newly discovered evidence which by due diligence could not have been  
25 discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b), (3) fraud ... of an adverse party, ... or (6)  
26 any other reason justifying relief from the operation of the judgment. The motion shall be made  
27 within a reasonable time, and for reasons (1), (2), and (3), not more than one year after the judgment,  
28 order, or proceeding was entered or taken. Fed.R.Civ.P. 60(b). Motions to reconsider are committed

1 to the discretion of the trial court. *Combs v. Nick Garin Trucking*, 825 F.2d 437, 441  
2 (D.C.Cir.1987). To succeed in a motion to reconsider, a party must set forth facts or law of a  
3 strongly convincing nature to induce the Court to reverse its prior decision. *See, e.g., Kern-Tulare*  
4 *Water Dist. v. City of Bakersfield*, 634 F.Supp. 656, 665 (E.D.Cal.1986), aff'd in part and rev'd in  
5 part on other grounds, 828 F.2d 514 (9th Cir.1987), *cert. denied*, 486 U.S. 1015 (1988).

6 The court has carefully reviewed plaintiff's motion for reconsideration. Plaintiff argues in  
7 part that in light of the dismissal of this action, it was malicious for the court to grant plaintiff *in*  
8 *forma pauperis* status in this action, specifically obligating him to pay the entire filing fee. Plaintiff  
9 is mistaken. The court granted plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* and dismissed the  
10 case in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915, the controlling statutory authority. That statute provides  
11 in part that “[n]otwithstanding any filing fee, or any portion thereof, that may have been paid, the  
12 court shall dismiss the case at any time if the court determines that . . . (B) the action or appeal  
13 . . . (ii) fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted.” The court having found no basis  
14 for reconsideration of its prior order, plaintiff's motion for reconsideration (Docket #13) is

15 **HEREBY DENIED.**

16 Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.



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20 LARRY R. HICKS  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE